

In the Specification

Please insert the following paragraph at page 3 before the Detailed Description of the Invention:

-- Fig. 7 is a simplified flow chart of a process P6 in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention.--.

Please insert the following paragraphs at page 13 before the last paragraph:

--The process P6 is initiated at a step S61 wherein status of a consumable and/or predetermined work of a peripheral device are detected.

At a step S62, the status detected in step S61 is collated with an identifier of the peripheral device to which the status pertains.

At a step S63, an electronic message is sent to an appropriate recipient, such as a maintainer and/or authorized purchaser, regarding the status and the respective identifier.

At a step S64, the maintainer operates to collate messages regarding status and identifiers of multiple peripheral devices associated with the recipient.

At a step S65, the recipient sends an electronic message to the vendor website regarding the status and identifiers of the respective peripheral devices.

At a step S66, it is determined whether data from the status exceeds appropriate thresholds of the respective peripheral devices.

If the condition of step S66 is negative, the process P6 may revert back to step S61.

If the condition of step S66 is affirmative, the process P6 may proceed to a step S67 wherein consumables are shipped and/or maintenance is scheduled depending upon the status of the peripheral devices.

At a step S68, the status may be reset for subsequent monitoring and comparison.--.